

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
JULY 8, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 8:50 AM on Monday, July 8, 2013. (The meeting started 20 minutes late, due to the Wastewater Planning Committee meeting held prior to this meeting, running over.)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Schuetter.

UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Schuetter – Chairman
Rick Stradtner – Vice Chairman
Doug Schulte – Secretary
Ken Sendelweck – Electric Commissioner
Alex Emmons – Wastewater Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Ernie Hinkle – Gas & Water Distribution Foreman
Ed Hollinden – Wastewater Manager
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager
Ashley Kiefer – Office Manager

ABSENT:

Dave Hurst – Water Commissioner
Keith Masterson – Gas Commissioner
Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager
Renee Kabrick – City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (DVD-00:48)

Chairman Wayne Schuetter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALPINE ENTERPRISES REQUEST FOR EASEMENT & TAKE-OVER OF SEWER LINE (DVD-01:07)

Chairman Wayne Schuetter said the purpose of the special meeting is to review Alpine Enterprise's request for a sewer and gas easement and the take-over of a proposed sewer line at the old Jasper Country Club property. Chairman Schuetter then turned the meeting over to Attorney Bill Kaiser, who was present on behalf of Alpine Enterprises.

Attorney Kaiser said that Alpine Enterprises is currently redeveloping the old Jasper Country Club for a new banquet facility. There are some utility problems at this location and Alpine is

working with the City to get these rectified in the best way possible. Currently the sewage is being pumped out of the basement of the building and up north to US 231. This sewage system is antiquated and needs to be upgraded. Alpine is looking to find the best long term approach for the sewer service.

Through working with the City Engineer and Wastewater Manager it was determined that the best approach would be to use gravity flow and run the sewer line through Country Club Estates and onto Emily Street. This line would run through the City's portion of the Country Club property and through some private properties in Country Club Estates.

Also, if the sewer line was constructed with an 8 inch line, instead of a 6 inch private line, with 4 manholes, and built to City standards, that line could then be turned over and assumed by the City as a public utility sewer easement.

Running through this same area is also a gas line and easement, so the newly created easement would be a sewer and gas easement only. It would not be a public utility and drainage easement.

Kaiser said he is here today to get approval on the proposed sewer line and sewer and gas easement and for the approval of the City's portion of the cost for the upgrade from a 6 inch sewer line to an 8 inch line.

He said the City Attorney, Renee Kabrick, has reviewed the proposed sewer and gas easements and has made the necessary changes to the language to make them acceptable to the City for public utility easements. Kaiser also made the Board aware that an encroachment agreement is pending with the City for a play set that is located where this proposed easement is.

The City Engineer, Chad Hurm, showed plans to the Board on where the easement and sewer line would run. He showed that the easement would be 20 feet wide between the Collins' and Luegers' homes, with 15 feet on the Collins' property and 5 feet on the Luegers property. The easement would increase to 25 feet, to accommodate a manhole, in the area behind the homes, where the buffer area is before the City's property starts. The easement will then return to 20 feet on the City's property.

Chairman Schuetter said the recommendation from the Wastewater Committee was to approve the sewer and gas easement as presented.

Alex Emmons made a motion to approve the sewer and gas easement as presented, contingent upon legal review by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Ken Sendelweck. Motion approved, 5-0.

Chairman Schuetter said the next matter to discuss is the cost sharing between the City and Alpine for installing an 8 inch sewer line, instead of a 6 inch. The Wastewater Committee recommends paying the cost difference between a 6 inch line with cleanouts only and an 8 inch line with 4 manholes, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve paying the cost difference between a 6 inch sewer line with cleanouts and an 8 inch line with 4 manholes, up to a maximum of \$20,000. Doug Schulte seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR FOR GAS & WATER MANAGER & APPROVAL TO START HIRING PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTION FOREMAN (DVD-17:59)

Bud Hauersperger said he would like to start the process of replacing Ernie Hinkle as the Distribution Foreman, since Mayor Seitz has appointed him as the new Gas and Water Manager. However, approval needs to be obtained from the Board on the appointment first.

Mayor Seitz presented the appointment of Ernie Hinkle for the Gas and Water Manager, upon the retirement of Mike Oeding.

Alex Emmons made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment as presented and to give Bud Hauersperger permission to start the hiring process for a new Distribution Foreman. Rick Stradtner seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

The Board officially welcomed Ernie Hinkle as the new Gas and Water Manager.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM upon motion by Alex Emmons and seconded by Doug Schulte. Motion approved, 5-0.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Attest: _____
Secretary Chairman